

Choose Birth Control or Famine—Speaker

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The cruellest famine in history will hit Africa, Latin America, India and Pakistan

by 1980 unless the birth rate in those lands is curbed, Dr. Alan F. Guttmacher said today.



Guttmacher

Guttmacher, president of the national Planned Parenthood organization, spoke at a press conference before addressing a group of students at Hamline University, St. Paul.

"We are going to see a more cruel type of famine than the world has ever seen," said Guttmacher.

Modern medicine, which has enabled people to live longer, will keep them alive to starve longer, said Guttmacher.

"We won't have 10 million less mouths to feed," said Guttmacher. "We will have 10 million mouths still open."

The famine would affect the United States most directly by striking at Latin America, he said.

Expectations

"We have given them an aura of expectation," said Guttmacher, through the Alliance for Progress. He said one reason the Alliance isn't working is the rapid population growth — more than 3 per cent in some Latin American countries compared to the world average of 2.1 per cent.

"These countries have to

empty their coffers merely to meet creature needs," said Guttmacher.

"Unless they meet these needs," he said, "no government can be stable. This is likely to wash on our shores."

Guttmacher said there is some cause for hope, and some things that can yet be done to halt the predicted food shortage.

Birth Control

More governments are working at birth control for their citizens, he said. Obvious steps, he said, include shipping surplus food to other nations, modernizing agriculture and limiting the birth rate.

He said California recently realized the state does not produce enough food to feed its 29 million population and, looking forward to the day when the population there will be 50 million, has organized a commission to stimulate neighboring states to grow more food.

Algae Dinner

"But the soil can only do so much," said Guttmacher. "Some time we may serve a fish cake and algae dinner to the prime minister of some foreign country."

Guttmacher is one of a series of population experts visiting Hamline. He is to speak tonight to a meeting of the Twin Cities Planned Parenthood affiliates and will visit Cuba next Tuesday to talk about contraception to a Cuban medical society.

Priest Fears City Race Riots Near

Race rioting will break out in Minneapolis unless the City Council enacts a strong civil rights ordinance, an Episcopal priest warned the council Ordinances and legislation Committee today.

"We ministers have been sitting on the lid of a boiling kettle," said the Rev. Louis W. Johnson, rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and president of the Minneapolis Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

"Unless you pass this ordinance, you will have a Watergate here in Minneapolis," Mr. Johnson said.

He said he was disgusted by the "tripe" used in the arguments of opponents of the ordinance proposed by Alderman Arne Carlson of the 12th Ward.

He accused the Rev. Joseph B. Head, chairman of the Friends of Christian Research Committee, of using the name of Christ in arguing against the civil rights ordinance.

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Mr. Head, who described himself as a semiretired Baptist minister without a church, spoke for more than a half hour before the committee.

Mr. Head argued that the ordinance is not needed, and said Minneapolis residents will rise up against the aldermen if they pass the ordinance, which he said would let the minority rule the majority.